

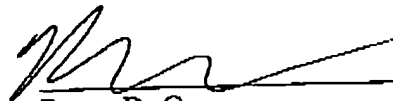
Applicant elects the invention of Group I with traverse. The Examiner has failed to support her assertion that the subcombination (the invention of Group I) has utility for filtering gas or oil. Moreover, the Examiner has failed to establish that the presence of inventions I to IV in the same application poses an undue burden on examination, since a proper and complete search of one group will necessitate a search of the others.

In addition to the requirement for restriction, the Examiner has indicated that the application contains claims directed to a number of patentably distinct species, and has required that applicants elect a particular species for prosecution on the merits. Applicant elects the invention of species I with traverse. Claims 1-6 and 10-12 are readable on the elected species. Applicant requests that this election be treated according to the provisions of MPEP 803.02.

An early and favorable action on the merits is earnestly requested.

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